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A SALUTE TO INDIAN LAKE

Open House

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 | 1:00-5:00PM

The Logan County History Center will be celebrating Indian Lake history with a “Salute to Indian Lake” open house on Sunday, April 7th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in honor of the 100th anniversary of the opening of Sandy Beach Amusement Park on Decoration Day (Memorial Day), 1924. There will be exhibits throughout the Museum highlighting the amusement park and other aspects of Indian Lake area’s history from its time as the hunting and fishing grounds of American Indians, to its days as a reservoir for the canal system, to the present. In addition, we will refresh the exhibits in the Indian Lake Room and use many of the wonderful photographs we have of Indian Lake in our archives. We will be partnering with the Indian Lake Area Historical Society with many of the exhibits.

The open house will also feature a new exhibit entitled “Natural Phenomena in Logan County” in anticipation of the Total Solar Eclipse the following day on April 8th. This eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse to pass over this part of Ohio since 1806! The exhibits will feature this past eclipse, tornadoes, earthquakes, meteors, and more that have affected Logan County and its residents over the years. We invite people from all over the country, and even the world, who will be in Logan County to witness the eclipse, to come to the open house to enjoy the exhibits and learn a little bit about Indian Lake’s and our county’s wonderful history!

Light refreshments will be served in the Presidents’ Room.



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CURATOR'S CORNER

The Logan County History Center enjoyed another productive year in 2023 collecting, preserving, and promoting our county's fascinating history. We welcomed over 700 students on field trips to the History Center. Nearly every local school district toured the History Center as well as having a few schools outside the area visit. Several schools also participated in our Logan County Landmark Third Grade field trip grant program where we take students to various historic sites in the county. We partnered with other local attractions and entities with

many of these field trips. The field trips, along with the programs we take into the schools, help us fulfill one of our primary goals of working with the schools to help share Logan County's rich history with the students. We are proud of the relationships we have with the schools, and we will strive to make them even stronger.

The *Christmas at the History Center* open house continues to be one of our most popular events with hundreds visiting over the first two weekends in December. We enjoy partnering with dozens of local organizations, businesses, and individuals who decorate trees throughout the Museum and the Orr Mansion, as well as lending their musical talents for the open house. The *Salute to Logan County Schools* open house in April allowed visitors to reminisce while looking at hundreds of photographs and school-related artifacts. Our annual Halloween KidFest saw over 250 children trick-r-treat through the History Center. This is always one of our favorite events.

The History Center's social media presence continues to grow with over 7,100 Facebook followers. Some of our biweekly posts reach over 40,000 readers! These Facebook posts provide a great way to use our wonderful collection of photographs and historical resources in the LCHS Archives to share Logan County's remarkable history. In 2023 we also debuted our new website! The website and our social media presence help us to keep the public up to date on what we are doing at the History Center.

Our multi-year restoration project on the Orr Mansion's exterior continues. In recent years we have completed numerous restoration and repair projects on the 116-year-old home, including work on the 3rd floor balcony and the portico that will be completed yet this year. However, more work still needs to be done. Upcoming projects will include the second-floor balcony and more work on the 3rd floor balcony and the 1st floor porch. Unfortunately, this type of restoration work is specialized and beyond the regular maintenance of the historic home.

Once again, we are asking you for your support and help. Included in this newsletter is a membership and donor card; we hope you will consider one or more of the options available. We appreciate your contribution of money or time, but more importantly, we encourage you to visit the Logan County History Center. We know you will be pleased! After all this is your museum and we want to share it with everyone. Remember your donation is tax deductible!

Thank you,

Todd McCormick

Curator/Director

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Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

October 2023

John, Judy & Rex Overstreet
Tanner Wical

November 2023

Erin Rudat
Bernie & Kathy Iven

November 2023

Harry Alltop
Darrin Haubert
Kent & Rhonda Zimmerly
David & Randee Henson

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

MONTHLY \$20
GIFT CERTIFICATE
DRAWING

September
Lois Stoll

October
Louise Norris

November
Bob Mattfield

December
Judy Snyder

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Dwight Hansen for tuning the piano multiple times for Christmas entertainment and for donating his and Bonnie's 12' Christmas tree and the "Lodge" ornaments we featured in the Transportation Museum during the Christmas open house.

We would also like to thank the BHS Class of 1962 and the family of Jim VanNess for the new chairs in the Museum Lobby. The Class of '62 donated money and asked that it go towards new chairs and the VanNess family asked that the money donated in Jim's memory also go towards the new chairs.

2024

Calendar OF Events

JANUARY

1ST CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

8TH SCOTT TROSTEL
PROGRAM

6:30PM Knowlton Library

8TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

18TH BOARD OF
TRUSTEES MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

FEBRUARY

10TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

12TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

MARCH

5TH DAR MEETING

6:30PM AcuSport Room

11TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

12TH ATHENIAN CLUB
MEETING

2:00PM Presidents' Room

14TH BOARD OF TRUSTEE
MEETING

7:00PM AcuSport Room

APRIL

7TH SALUTE TO INDIAN LAKE
OPEN HOUSE

1:00-5:00PM History Center

8TH PIECEMAKERS MEETING

7:00PM Presidents' Room

9TH ATHENIAN CLUB MEETING

2:00PM Presidents' Room

9TH ROBERT KROEGER
PROGRAM

7:00PM Transportation Museum

13TH DAR MEETING

10:00AM AcuSport Room

THE LOGAN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WINTER CLOSURE 2024

The Logan County Genealogical Society's library will be closed part of the winter season for in-person patrons. The Genealogy Library's last day will be Wednesday, December 20th and will be re-open on Friday, March 1st, 2024. The LCGS board has made this decision due in part to Ohio's unpredictable winter weather.

Our volunteers will check incoming emails regularly as well as the phone's answering machine, as weather permits. Be sure to leave your name, phone number, and/or email address and we will contact you as soon as possible. We are still committed to helping you with your genealogy research but feel this action is in the best interest of all involved.

We look forward to seeing you again in March! - Deb Allison, LCGS President
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Christmas

AT THE HISTORY CENTER 2023

The Logan County History Center hosted our annual Christmas at the History Center Open House December 2ND, 3RD, 8TH, 9TH and 10TH. Thank you to all who participated in decorating, volunteering, performing, and attending!

TREE DECORATORS

Adult Trees

The Logan County Art League, Downtown Bellefontaine Partnership, Logan County Visitor's Bureau and Chamber of Commerce, The Studio, West Liberty Garden Club, Bellefontaine Lions Club, Deep Roots, Renovations + Design Co., TCN Domestic Violence Program - Soteria House, Ledley Family Farms, Top of Ohio Patriots, Shawnee Springs, Eastern Star, The Homestead, Don & Margaret Hilliker YMCA, and the OSU Alumni Club of Logan County.

Kids Trees

Loco Art, Ben Logan Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Shooting Sports Living History 4-H Club, and the Sunshine Center.

FIRST FLOOR OF THE ORR MANSION

Decorated by

Kitchen - The Logan County Genealogical Society

Dining Room - Logan County DAR

East Parlor - Logan County Libraries

Orr Mansion Entry - Wendy Made

West Parlor - Betty Lloyd - First Presbyterian Church

Music Room - Logan Piecemakers

SECOND FLOOR OF THE ORR MANSION

Decorated with a Symbols of Christmas Theme by

1ST Bedroom - *Poinsettias* - Marilyn, Kyle & Norah Spring

2ND Bedroom /Nursery - *Gingerbread* - Kit Wehe, Tam Van Ness, Leslie Warne, Sharon Kinney, and Sally Stephan

3RD Bedroom - *Bells* - Jeanne Jenkins, George & Diana Wackerman

Orr Office - *Star* - Verna Barta and Beth Marshall

4TH Bedroom - *Snow Babies* - Kit Wehe, Tam Van Ness, Leslie Warne, Sharon Kinney, and Sally Stephan

Hallway - *Holly* - Beth Marshall and Don Corwin

Ballroom - *Christmas Trees* - Judy Snyder Erin Rudat, Don Corwin, Melinda Ridgway, Mari Smith, Elaine DeMarsh, and Beth Marshall

Transportation Museum - Christmas Tree and "Lodge Ornaments" Donated by Dwight Hansen in Memory of Bonnie Hansen

Presidents' Room - Pat Ortli

MUSICIANS THAT PERFORMED

Marianne Antram, Carol Burton, Bellefontaine High School Jazz Band, Benjamin Logan High School Jazz Combo, Rath Guenther, Alicia Wilkins, Leanna George, Friendly Senior Center Choir, Mad River Dulcimer Society, Cindy Bleininger, and Lynn Fullerton and the Bourbon Street Strutters.

Leanna George Piano Students

Rebekah Heizer, Cardyn Rawlins, Dalton Frazier, Sarah Bihn, Hayes Robison, Naomi Dearwester, and Oliver Dearwestert.

Paula Deardurff Piano Students

Eva Wilson, Dori Jervis, Gavin Wilkins, Lydia Francis, Ryan Francis, Jordan Francis, Emily Church, Benjamin Church, Braden Church, Avery McCarty, Anna Kratz, Madelynn Baker, Rayven Peters, Charlie Moreland, Rosie Moreland, Ollie Moreland, Braelynn Neer, Laney Wallace, Annie Gallaway, Luke Cronkleton, Emily Cronkleton, Jacob Cronkleton, Devyn Hogan, Alexis Hogan, Gabriel Blake, and Kara Hartzler.

Shirley McPherson Piano Students

Brigg Adams, Brooks Bodin, Lottie Bodin, Winnie Bodin, Julia Easton, Lara Hagedorn, Tanner Hilbun, Caroline Jones, Tommy Jones, Sarah King, Lorali Klopenstein, Emily LeVan, Rylee McCully, Britny Sliker, and Ethan Van Winkle.

CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE DECORATORS

Marilyn Springs, Kyle Springs, Norah Springs, Kit Wehe, Sally Stephan, Leslie Warne, Sharon Kinney, Tam Van Ness, Jeanne Jenkins, George & Diana Wackerman, Verna Barta, Gabe Cramer, Lauren Cramer, Judy Snyder, Don Corwin, Mari Smith, Kit Monroy, Erin Rudat, Melinda Ridgway, Marilyn Bell, Elaine DeMarsh, Amy McCormick, and Beth Marshall.

OPEN HOUSE WORKERS

Keitha Dugan, Dwight Hansen, Bill Tipple, David Saxby, Jody Nolin, John Tracey, Karen Tracey, Tam Van Ness, Mark Curtis, George Wackerman, Diana Wackerman, Pat Ortli, Kit Wehe, Abby Wolf, Dee Dee Ricketts, Ron Ricketts, Dan Bratka, Karen Beasley, Brian Harmon, Cheryl Hawkins, Erin Rudat, Mark Butler, Kathy Iven, Nancy Ledley, Brian Baker, Marilyn Springs, Bruce Norris, Louise Norris, Doug Chamberlain, Sharon DeVault, Bob Mattfeld, Amy McCormick, Toni McPherson, John McPherson, Mary Mortimer, Beth Marshall, and Todd McCormick.

We apologize if your name has inadvertently been missed.

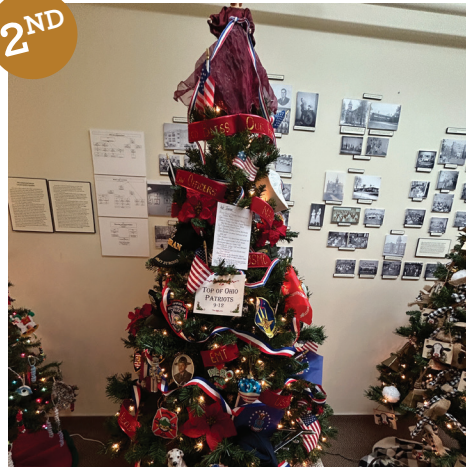
Best Adult Tree

1ST



Ledley Family Farm

2ND



Top of Ohio Patriots

3RD



West Liberty Garden Club

Best Kids Tree

1ST



Ben Logan Kindergarten

2ND



Ben Logan Second Grade

3RD



Ben Logan Third Grade

Best Room

1ST



Dining Room – Decorated by the Logan County DAR

2ND



East Parlor – Decorated by the Logan County Libraries

3RD



Music Room – Decorated by the Logan Piecemakers

LCHS BOARD ELECTION

The Logan County Historical Society membership elected the 2023 Board of Trustees at the society membership meeting on December 6, 2023. The officers were re-elected to their respective positions: Dan Bratka (President – 2nd term), Doug Chamberlain (Vice-President), Abby Wolf (Treasurer), Bruce Norris (Asst. Treasurer), Karen Beasley (Recording Secretary), and Cheryl Watkins (Corresponding Secretary). The officers will serve 1-year terms. Erin Rudat was elected to fill Nikki Smith's remaining term (2022-2024). Brian Harmon and David Willoby were re-elected as trustees for the 2024-2026 term., and Scott Gill was elected for the third trustee position for the 2024-2026 term. He will be replacing Mike Yoder.

We would like to thank Mike for his years of service on the LCHS Board of Trustees, as well as to remember and thank Nikki for her time and dedication to the board and the Historical Society.

THANK YOU TO THE LOGAN COUNTY LIBRARIES

For more than 10 months, the Library shared three members of their staff with us during the time they were closed for repairing and remodeling the Knowlton Library after the disastrous flooding. Mari Smith, Melinda Ridgway, and Haley Gibson assisted with many projects in the archives and were willing to help wherever they were most needed, including Christmas decorating. Combined, they contributed more than 600 hours. Although we are glad to have the Library reopen, we will greatly miss such excellent helpers!

We have benefited so much from the hard work the librarians have given of us over this past year, and our collections will continue to benefit from their efforts for many years to come. We cannot thank the Logan County Libraries enough for their generosity and partnership.

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Special Event

HISTORIC BARNs WITH ROBERT KROEGER AT THE LOGAN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

APRIL 9, 2024 | 6:00–7:30PM

The Logan County Land Trust and Logan County History Center will welcome back author and painter Robert Kroeger to the History Center for a program on historical barns in Ohio (and other states). Mr. Kroeger will not be demonstrating his palette knives and impasto painting technique, like he did at last spring's program, but he will be discussing interesting and unique barns he has studied over the years. The program will last about 60 minutes and then Mr. Kroeger will be doing a book

signing for his book HISTORIC BARNs OF OHIO (2021), which lists paintings and essays of barns in all 88 counties in Ohio. His book ROUND BARNs OF AMERICA (2022) will also be available for purchase and to be signed. The book features 75 round barns from 32 states. Funds raised from the book signings will go towards the LCLT and the LCHC.

The event is free and open to the public.

Thank You!

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023 – DECEMBER 14TH, 2023

ARTIFACT DONATIONS

Thank You!

G. Bruce & Louise Norris

Rushsylvania School items, Bulldog/I-T-E/Gould/Siemens product plates/labels, Operation Desert Storm support ephemera

Don & Susan Corwin

Program "A Trio of Poe" performed at the Holland Theatre (11/31/2023)

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Top Value Stamps Saver Books

Rev. Ronald Irick

Big Four Roundhouse Railroad Employee records

Robert Hertenstein

His 1960s Army uniform and his father, Jacob Hertenstein's WWII Army Air Corps uniform & photo

Pat Orli

Booklet "Walking Tour of Historic Zanesfield" (2014)

Shawndel Wilson

Huntsville Class of 1930 composite photo, Quincy Class of 1950 composite photo, Angels of Ohio Drum & Bugle Corps button, fans compliments local businesses. "C" magazine featuring Louie Vito

Mary Mortimer

Medical & toiletry bottles, jars, & tins

Lynn Duff

Aviation photographs
Indian Lake, Wissler, Rausenberger

Scott Trostel

Donor's book Bellefontaine, Ohio: The Rise and Fall of a Big Four Terminal and donor's original artwork for the cover of the book, and his original artwork for his book The Columbus Avenue Miracle: Bellefontaine, Ohio's WWII Free Serviceman's Canteen

Terry & Susan Conley

Chatham Mill Fanning Mill or Seed Cleaner used in the Blumenschein family for Generations

Steve & Martha Jenkins

Photograph of local Railroaders' reunion in the early 2000s

April Yelton

CONRAIL First Aid Kit ca. 1980s, Johnson & Johnson First Aid Kit, ca. 1960s

Julie Kennedy

Doll collections from the 1890s & 1920s, wedding dress (1930s & 1952), Brownie uniform, 4-H jacket, St. Patrick School uniform skirt, Pine Avenue School basketball uniform, toys

Beth & John Marshall

Polaroid photograph labels

Ben Gillig

Southwest District High School Basketball tournament programs from the 1960s-70s

Jim Kennedy

WWII ration books, Lucky Strike Cigarette labels

Tabor Lee Tullis

Henry & Elizabeth Synge Horn Family Tree

Anne Shroyer

Huntsville High School majorette uniform, Washington Local High School letterman's sweater, student nurse uniform

Doug Ramsey

Bellefontaine & DeGraff newspapers (1910s-20s and 1970s)

Joe Antram & Antram Family

1919 handcrafted crib with adjustable bed used by Jane (Janie) Bushong Antram as an infant when she had underdeveloped lungs caused by the flu (flu epidemic)

Kristin Sliwicki

Speech by D.E. Smucker, President of D.T. & I. Railroad

Joseph Shiveley

1958-1962 BHS "HI-LIFE" school newspapers, Bellefontaine area photographs

Ron & Dee Dee Ricketts

Alice Fawcett 1905-1906 Zanesfield School grade card, ladies dresses & hats

Peggy Riley

U.S. Armed Forced Military Decorations & Awards poster

Judith D. Overstreet

Photographs of Neely Island & Neely Cottage at Indian Lake (donor granddaughter of Rufus M. Neely)

Betty Fultz

1940s Crochet Patterns magazines

Costin Family Practice

1940s Mediquartz UV Therapy lamp used by Dr. James Costin

Nanette Borders

Wedding photo of Bob Suber & Rosey Elsey and booklet "Advice for a Groom"

Diana Raga Paulson

1800s Crazy Quilt donated by the families of Martha Miller Ragan and Patricia Miller MacDonald

Robin Zupp Hesson

Book "The Complete History of World War II - Armed Forces Edition"

Nancy H. Gray

Monroe High School class rings & other school items, John Robert Longbrake WWII photos & KIA certificate, veterans' organization pins, fraternal order pins, Harding Machine Screw Co. employee pin

Thomas E. Laing

Hand-made Cherokee walking stick

Claude J. Wesser

Railroad manual used by his father Claude Edward Wesser

Melissa Bosley

1954 Logan County plat maps

Auglaize County Historical Society (Transfer)

Downtown Bellefontaine building blueprints

Michael & Donna Spangler

Zerbee Rotating Toothbrush

John Adams

Honda of America Mfg. ceremonial plaque & paperweight

James A. Short

Zanesfield High School Class of 1929 composite

Logan County District Library (Non-Artifact donations)

file cabinets, risers, shelves

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